

MINUTES OF THE NATURAL RESOURCE EXTRACTION IMPACT WORKING GROUP

Friday, April 14, 2006 – 12:00 P.M. – West Building - Rm. 135

Present: Lt. Governor Gary Herbert, Gayle McKeachnie, Senator Mike Dmitrich, Cheri McCurdy, Commissioner Larry Ross, Commissioner Ralph Okerlund, Ruland Gill, Ken May, John Njord, Christopher Love, Walter Baker, Kevin Knight, Sarah Wright, Rep. David Ure, Rep. John Mathis, Lee Peacock, John Baza, Steve Schneider, Peter Jenks, Ron Dean, Richard Ellis, Bonnie Carrig, Rick Allis, Robert Spendlove, David Litvan, Cheryl Heying, Kevin Carter, Sophia DiCaro Goodick, Leonard Blackham, John Harja, John Jurrius, Smiley Arrowchis, Terrah Anderson, Les Prall, Bim Oliver, Denece Kitto, Peggy Harrison

Welcome and Introductions

Staff Report

1. Terrah discussed the information that was gathered by staff and working group members. She turned the time over to each to present findings and handouts.
<http://rural.utah.gov/NaturalResourcesImpactWorkingGroup.html>
 - a. Les presented information regarding mineral lease
[Mineral Lease allocations - historical](#)
[Mineral Lease appropriations - historical](#)
[Mineral Lease appropriations - 2007 estimated](#)
 - b. Ralph Okerlund addressed Permanent Community Impact Board revenues, projects funded, and the Capital Improvements list for 2006
[Permanent Community Impact Fund Board allocations - historical](#)
[Permanent Community Impact Fund Board allocations by county](#)
 - c. John Njord explained transportation projections
[Main oil and coal truck routes](#)
[UDOT project list](#)
 - d. Walt Baker discussed waste water infrastructure with costs and resources
[Water treatment demand/cost projections](#)
 - e. Cheri McCurdy discussed Uintah Basin Impacts projects, with estimated costs and funding options.
[Uintah County Special Service District project list](#)

- f. Sarah Wright shared her paper titled, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency as a Means to Help Mitigate the Long-Term Impacts of our Current over Reliance on Finite Fossil Fuel Resources, as well as additional information.

[Utah Clean Energy white paper on renewable energy](#)

- g. Rick Allis gave a briefing on statistics and information regarding Utah's resources and recent global trends and how they will be a strong contributor to economic growth.

[Timber harvesting - historical](#)

[Oil and gas production and prices by county](#)

[Coal production and prices by county](#)

Background on Federal Mineral Lease Funds

2. Gayle McKeachnie presented a booklet titled: Collection of Federal Mineral Lease Laws Opinions, containing decisions by the Comptroller General of the United States that statutorily mandated reductions in payments in lieu of taxes, dating back to October 16, 1978, along with other opinions, letters and decisions, with the latest dated August 15, 2005.

PowerPoint Presentation of SITLA Lands by Kevin Carter

3. Kevin gave an overview of SITLA responsibilities and land grants given to Utah State University and the University of Utah.

Member Discussion

4. During presentation, working group made recommendations for Bim to list of community impact/needs, community resources, and general issues. This will be used as the format and starting place for the final report. Gayle suggested they look at the rules that govern funds. He encouraged all to start gathering information and facts to review before making changes.

[Issue Outline revised \(April 14\)](#)

Action Items:

1. John Harja was asked to assist Terrah, Les and Bim create a form that will be sent to working group and counties to collect information on needs caused by impacts, funding needed and existing resources and tools for mitigation.
2. Staff will send out criteria form for assessing and prioritizing impacts/needs of natural resource extraction activity.
3. Working group will fill out criteria form and return to staff prior to next meeting.
4. Staff will provide form to each county to collect and return.
5. Staff will begin drafting report based on existing information and leave room for numbers and recommendations.

Adjourned 4:30